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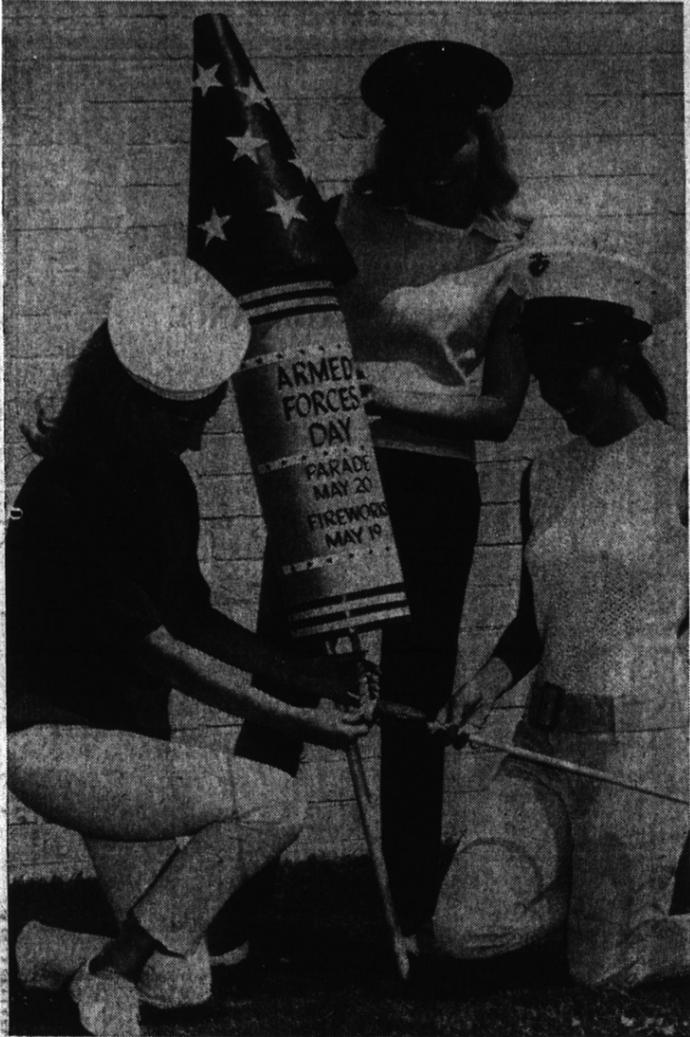
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FIRE ONE . . . Miss Torrance Susan Foster (right) prepares to light skyrocket honoring the start of the 8th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration here this coming weekend. Assisting are Torrance Princesses Gloria Stewart (kneeling left) and Marcia Reich (standing). Friday night at 8:30 p.m. a spectacular fireworks show will be offered at the Torrance Civic Center to start the two-day event. Saturday morning, starting at 10 a.m., the huge military parade will present a "Report to the Nation" to 100,000 expected spectators as it moves westward on Torrance Boulevard past the Civic Center.

Thousands to Witness Armed Forces Salute

Eighth Annual Parade Slated

Torrance's eighth annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration will get underway Friday evening with the opening of an exhibit area at the Civic Center.

The celebration, one of the largest observances of its kind in the nation, is expected to attract several thousand people here. "A Report to the Nation" is the theme of the event.

The exhibit area, which will feature a wide variety of military equipment and space hardware, will open at 7 p.m. A giant fireworks show is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Friday.

THE ANNUAL Armed Forces Day parade is scheduled to move from the El Prado Park area in downtown Torrance at 10 a.m. Saturday. It will move west along Torrance Boulevard to the Civic Center. The reviewing stands will be located in front of the City Hall.

The line of march will include active and reserve units from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well as National Guard and ROTC units, high school bands, and military academies.

Congressman F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, will serve as

grand marshal of the parade. Congressman Hebert also will be the featured speaker at a luncheon to be held following the parade.

NEWSCASTER Cleve Roberts will be master of ceremonies at the luncheon, which is to be held at the Officers Mess at the Air Force Space Systems Division in Inglewood.

The exhibit area at the Civic Center will be opened to the public following the parade. At that time, the Marine Corps will stage a simulated attack on a Viet Cong village. The first attack will come about one-half hour after the parade, to be followed periodically throughout the afternoon.

George S. Wing, president of the Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance, is general chairman of the event. The city of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are sponsors of the event.

Beverly Now In Assembly

It became Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly Tuesday when Bert Clingston, deputy secretary of state, administered the oath and the former Manhattan Beach mayor became the official representative of the 46th Assembly District.

Beverly, winner of a landslide victory in the May 9 runoff to replace the late Charles E. Chapel, was received in the Assembly chambers by Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh and Carlos Bee, speaker pro-tem. He had been escorted to the rostrum by Assemblyman Bob Monagan, minority leader; and by William Bagley and Joe Gonsalves.

Beverly, a Republican, replaced Republican Chapel. His election did not change the Assembly lineup.

Opinion Sought On Case

Members of the Torrance Board of Education Monday established tentative procedures for filling the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Kurt T. Shery.

The board was immediately told legal action may be taken to force a special election to fill the vacancy.

Under the law, the board reportedly has 30 days in which to fill the vacancy by appointment. Should the local board fail to act, then the county superintendent of schools is empowered to appoint a new member.

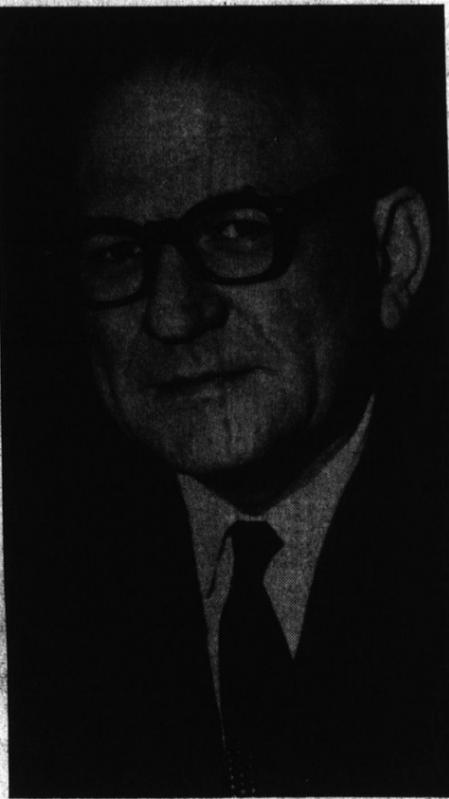
QUALIFIED members of the community who wish to be considered for the seat may submit an application to the board under the procedure established Monday. Trustees will meet in personnel session to review the applications and appoint a new member.

Trustees, noting that the appointment will be for what is virtually a full four-year term, have questioned the 30-day limit on naming a successor to Dr. Shery. The board also wants to determine exactly when the 30-day period began.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Press-Herald yesterday the 30-day period may have started May 1. Dr. Shery died early May 9, but he was unable to take his seat for the May 1 board meeting, he noted.

TRUSTEES also have asked Dr. Hull to seek a legal opinion to determine if it may have an extension of that 30-day period.

Meanwhile, one of five defeated candidates in the April (See **BOARD** on A-2)



GRAND MARSHAL . . . Louisiana Congressman F. Edward Hebert, outstanding member of the House Armed Services Committee, will be the grand marshal of the eighth Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade Saturday.

Bare Huge Park Plan

By **JERRY REYNOLDS**
 Press-Herald City Editor

A feasibility study to determine if the city can develop a 35- to 50-acre regional park in the North Torrance area

was authorized by the City Council last night.

Nucleus of the park site would be some 25 to 30 acres of land now owned by the Columbia Broadcasting Co. and the Southern California Edison Co.

Both firms have indicated they will lease the land to the city for use as a park. Purchase of the remaining 10 to 25 acres could be subsidized in part by a \$197,000 cash grant from the state, it was reported.

THE LAND is located north of 19th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue. The new KNX Radio transmitter is located on a portion of the land and an L-shaped area to the east is an Edison Co. right-of-way.

Outright purchase of 50 acres for park development could cost between \$2.5 and \$4 million, Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation for the city, said. Actual development could cost up to \$4 million more, he added.

While the offers by the Columbia Broadcasting System and Edison Co. are subject to conditions, Van Bellehem said, a "cursory study indicated that this may really be a bargain."

VAN BELLEHEM said the city, by purchasing an additional 10 to 25 acres, could construct permanent facilities on the city-owned parcel. The remaining area—the CBS and (See **PARK** on A-2)

City Charter Study Moves Step Closer

Torrance councilmen last night agreed to name a Blue Ribbon Commission to undertake a general review of the city's charter.

The first seven members of the 11-man commission are expected to be named at a personnel session of the council scheduled for June 6.

Those seven appointees will then select four more residents of the community to serve on the commission. The

commission will be asked to conclude its review and submit its recommendations to the council not later than next Nov. 1.

UNDER A plan devised by the council's own Charter Review Committee, each councilman will name one member of the commission. The council will vote on each nominee by secret ballot and a majority of at least four votes will be needed for approval.

The commission will be required to approve each of the four remaining members in much the same way.

The offices of the City Manager and the City Attorney will be asked to provide guidance to the commission, the report indicated. The charter review commission, however, will be free to request the services of an outside consultant should it become necessary.

IN OTHER action last night, the council:

- Reinstated its former policy toward travel by city officials pending possible revisions in the policy. The policy permits members of the city's advisory commissions to make up to two major trips each year.
- Awarded a contract to Everett L. Foster for the reconstruction of 242nd Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. The firm submitted a low bid of \$4,389.55.
- Adopted, on first reading, an ordinance which will

permit heliports in any M-2 (heavy manufacturing) zone in the city provided a conditional use permit is issued. Heliports also would be permitted in certain other (See **CHARTER** on A-2)

Supreme Court Justice Joins Court Ceremony

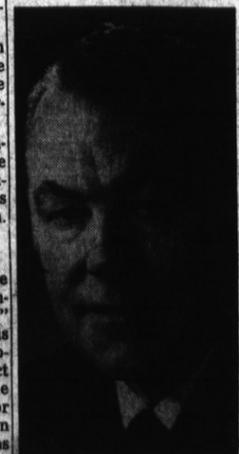
Justice Louis H. Burke, associate justice of the California State Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker at dedication ceremonies for the Torrance-South Bay County Building June 23.

Superior Court Judge John A. Shidler, chairman of the program committee, made the announcement here yesterday.

The \$5-million county complex, located in the Torrance Civic Center, will be dedicated during ceremonies scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. June 23.

"**WE ARE** honored to have Justice Burke here to commemorate the dedication," Judge Shidler said, "and his attendance is especially appropriate in view of the fact he was presiding judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court during the period when the district court system was being conceived and instituted."

Chace and Kenneth Hahn also will participate in the ceremonies, as will civic officials from throughout the South Bay area.



LOUIS H. BURKE
 To Dedicate Court

Bike, Car Collide; Boy Hurt

A 9-year-old Torrance boy was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday following surgery for injuries received Monday when he was struck by a car while riding a bicycle.

Larry L. Lathrop, of 906 Cota Ave., was injured about 7:45 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Portola Avenue and El Dorado.

He was riding his bicycle southbound on Portola when he collided with a car driven by Pearl Thelma Griffith, 40, of 914 Kornblum. The boy was knocked off the bicycle and fell under the Griffith vehicle, police said.

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